

REMARKS

Claims 1 and 4-22 are all the claims pending in the application. Claims 3-10 are withdrawn from consideration. Claims 1, 13 and 17 are rejected. Claims 11, 12, 14-16 and 18-20 are objected to. Claims 21 and 22 are added via the forgoing amendments.

35 U.S.C. § 102:

Claims 1, 13 and 17 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by Matsushita (JP 57-65557).

The Examiner asserts that Matsushita discloses a rotating element with a first bracket 3, a second bracket 2 and a terminal board 5. To expedite prosecution and further define the invention, the output terminal board of claim 1 is described as being mounted on an end surface of the first bracket. The end surface is described as facing in an outward direction opposite the second bracket, along the axis of rotation.

The combination of features recited in claim 1 provides an electric rotating machine configuration with aspects not found in the prior art, nor disclosed by Matsushita. For example, Fig. 1 of Matsushita does not illustrate the applied terminal board 5 on an end surface of the bracket 3, as recited in claim 1. In contradistinction, the applied terminal board 5 is mounted on an inward portion of the bracket 3 and not on an end surface.

Accordingly, Applicants respectfully submit that Matsushita does not disclose each feature recited in claim 1, such that the rejection thereof under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) should be withdrawn. The rejection of claims 13 and 17 should likewise be withdrawn at least by virtue of their respective dependencies upon claim 1.

35 U.S.C. § 103:

Claims 1, 13 and 17 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Karlsberger (U.S. Patent 5,795,195) in view of Lewis (U.S. Patent 3,518,616).

Karlsberger is applied for disclosing a first bracket, a second bracket and a terminal board 54, which the Examiner asserts is represented in Fig. 1. Applicants respectfully point out that Fig. 1 of Karlsberger does not label any element as 54, nor is reference numeral 54 found in the remaining figures of Karlsberger. Nevertheless, Applicants respectfully submit that Karlsberger does not disclose the features of amended claim 1, including at least the further defined location of the output terminal board.

Lewis is applied for disclosing a terminal board configuration. Applicants respectfully submit that even if there were, *arguendo*, motivation to combine the teachings of Lewis and Karlsberger, the claimed invention would not be taught or suggested. In particular, the combined references do not teach or suggest the claimed features, including at least the recited positioning of the output terminal board.

Accordingly, Applicants respectfully submit that Karlsberger and Lewis do not teach or suggest each feature found in claim 1, such that the rejection thereof under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) should be withdrawn. The rejection of claims 13 and 17 should likewise be withdrawn at least by virtue of these claims respectively depending from claim 1.

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NEW CLAIMS:

New claims 21 and 22 are added to capture the allowable subject matter of claims 11 and 12, and are deemed allowable along with claims 1, 13 and 17.

In view of the above, reconsideration and allowance of this application are now believed to be in order, and such actions are hereby solicited. If any points remain in issue which the Examiner feels may be best resolved through a personal or telephone interview, the Examiner is kindly requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

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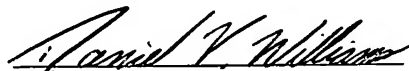
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